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HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO FBIS EMPLOYEES

I wish you all a very joyous holiday season and continued health and happiness in the new year.

We can all look back with great pride in the collective accomplishments of this organization during 1987. The traditional superlative support to the Intelligence Community continued and our many consumers valued our products. This tradition was maintained while moving to Reston, converting over to the Automated FBIS System, and automating five bureaus.

We can not, however, rest on our laurels, for there are many hurdles to be cleared in 1988. In some elements of FBIS, for example, we are severely understaffed. Continued budget pressures will call for the elimination or curtailing of certain lower priority activities. Our automation tasks have to be completed. The long delayed re-equipping of our overseas elements is still before us. Dealing with these challenges requires continued hard work by all so that we can sustain the level of overall performance that was attained in 1987. I am confident that we will be as successful in 1988 as we were in the year now coming to a close.

Again, have a safe and joyous holiday season and best wishes for the new year.

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